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For Immediate Release

What: Special Public Protection meeting
When: April 28, 3 p.m.
Where: 651 Pine Street, Martinez
Info: Ed Diokno, 925-427-8138

Emergency Public Safety Meeting Scheduled Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Martinez
**CONTRA COSTA SUPERVISOR TO REQUEST STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL INTERVENTION IN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY MISDEMEANOR MANAGEMENT**

MARTINEZ (April 27, 2009) – Contra Costa Supervisor Federal Glover, Co-Chair of the Public Protection Subcommittee, will be announcing tomorrow (April 28) his plan to ask State Attorney General Jerry Brown to step in to review the performance and management of the Contra Costa District Attorney’s Office.

Glover placed a call into Brown today and is sending a formal request in writing to Brown’s office.

During this financial crisis, no county department has been spared from cuts. The District Attorney was initially facing \$4 million in cuts. The Board of Supervisors cut that number by more than half – to save necessary prosecutor positions.

“In light of the District Attorney’s refusal to review and prosecute misdemeanor criminal cases presented to him by local police, we have no alternative but to demand that an outside review of the office occur as quickly as possible,” Glover said.

The Board of Supervisors has no legal authority over the District Attorney. The California Constitution requires each county to have a district attorney and each elected D.A. has the sole discretion and authority to initiate and conduct prosecutions.

“Our District Attorney, who earns more than the Governor and the State Attorney General combined, should be adept enough to find budgetary solutions, without letting criminals go free,” Glover stated. To Glover’s knowledge, no district attorney has refused to prosecute criminals because of budgetary challenges.

State Attorney General Jerry Brown is responsible for making sure the laws of California are enforced uniformly and adequately and, as the Director of all county district attorneys, Glover is asking him to intervene, audit the performance of the District Attorney's Office and present the Board of Supervisors with a plan to make sure all criminals are appropriately prosecuted.

The District Attorney will be present at the special meeting of the Public Protection Committee, to be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Chambers of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, 651 Pine Street in Martinez.

Glover, as co-chair of the Public Protection Committee has a series of questions he plans to ask, in addition to outlining his official request of the State Attorney General.

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